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Local News

Paw Paw and Vicinity

Mrs. J. G. Boess was in Chicago this week.

Frank Miller returned from a business trip to Chicago last Saturday.

Advice to local friends states that Louis Miner has arrived safely in France.

Miss Marian Pierce gave a house party at her home last Saturday evening.

Miss Leila Smith is sick with the measles and unable to attend school the closing days.

Douglas Hindenach has been sick and came home to recuperate the first of the week.

Lieutenant Robert Dillon of Camp Custer was the guest of home friends and relatives on Sunday.

There will be a regular meeting of Paw Paw chapter O. E. S. on Wednesday evening, June 19th.

The Up-to-date Farmers club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mosier next Wednesday.

Mrs. J. F. Latschaw and daughter Carrie of Allegan came Thursday for a visit at the H. A. Cole home.

There will be a Regular Communication of Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. next Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell of Sturgis spent Sunday last with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCabe.

Mrs. W. F. Hoyt gave a reception at her home last Saturday afternoon in honor of her son Ward Barten and wife.

News has come to home relatives and friends that Maurice Cole is now on the "Firing Line, Somewhere in France."

The Lady Maccabees of Paw Paw are invited to visit Lawrence Hive on Saturday, June 15th. Dinner at 11:30.

Lieutenant Mark Chaffee was called home from Camp Custer on Tuesday by the sudden death of his mother.

H. A. Cole and daughter Miss Margaret motored to Camp Custer last Sunday with their son A. N. Cole and wife.

Mrs. Lydia Burt and Mrs. Alison Johnson left Friday for Batavia, New York where they will visit friends and relatives.

Miss Gertrude Smith who has been the guest of Mrs. Charles Morrison for some time, returned to her home in Bangor on Tuesday.

Earl Bangs and wife returned Monday from a ten days auto trip to Iowa, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Bailey.

Mrs. Ida Cole of Allegan and daughter, Mrs. Laura Wauchek of Gobleville were guests of Paw Paw relatives last Saturday.

Mrs. Olive Geddes-Darby of Valparaiso, Indiana is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Herbert Geddes and grand-mother, Mrs. Bacon.

R. M. Wheeler of Syracuse, New York, and formerly of Paw Paw spent the latter part of last week among old friends here.

Lady Maccabees will meet at Memorial Hall Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock to go to the cemetery to decorate the graves of deceased members.

The Royal Neighbors will meet next Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Harry Cross. The Picnic at Three Mile lake has been postponed indefinitely.

Commencement exercises were held in the Rink Thursday evening. We go to press too early to report this week, but the subject will receive due attention in our next issue.

The Misses Mildred Shepard, Ruth Stevenson and Lieutenant Glenn Showerman and friend Lieutenant Jones of Camp Custer motored to St. Joseph for the day last Sunday.

President Wilson on June 10th, signed the bill which will increase all Civil War Veterans pension. The monthly rate will now range from \$30.00 to \$38.00 per month, with a \$40.00 rate for all who have reached the 72nd, milestone.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Huscher of Chicago have recently moved to Dayton, Ohio and intend to make that city their future home. Mr. Huscher has a position with the National Cash Register company of that place. Mrs. Huscher will be remembered as Miss Doris Johnson of Paw Paw.

Advertised letters—W. G. Anthony, Mrs. Frances Cook, Henry Guenther.

Lynn Downing of Chicago was home the first of the week shaking hands with old friends.

Mrs. Leon Salsbury has returned home from Kalamazoo and is recovering rapidly from her recent operation.

Earl Bangs is now assistant Agricultural agent for Van Buren county and started his duties on last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hopkins had as guests the first of the week, their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Murel Stuck of Detroit.

Final naturalization papers were issued to Sigfried Mattson, a citizen of Sweden, and Sam Bright, a citizen of Russia, both of Covert township.

Mesdames LaRue Chappell, George Longwell Jr., J. C. Maxwell, Fannie Woodman and B. W. Warner motored to South Haven last Monday for instructions in Surgical Dressing work.

Frank Mutchler and family of Grand Rapids and Martin Mutchler and family of Allegan were guests of their brother John Mutchler and family for the week end.

There are 50,000 youngsters in eighty cities in Michigan enlisted in the Gardening Drive. The army of the Hoe is fifty per cent larger than it was one year ago, says the M. A. C.

Hon. L. Burgett Des Voignes has gone to Detroit where he will hold Court for four weeks, and Hon. Jas. G. Tucker of Mt. Clemens, Mich., will finish the term of Court in this county.

H. Powell was arrested by officer Yeider for speeding on the Lawrence-Paw Paw road, and paid a fine on Monday to Judge Mason of \$15.00 and costs. Powell did not give his address.

New furniture is arriving for the Hotel Dyckman and Landlord Sherman announces that the hotel will soon be open to the public. Repairs are still in progress, but will soon be completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Yeider entertained for dinner last Sunday, their son Alva who was home from Dayton, Ohio on a four days furlough; James Sylvester, wife and daughter and Miss Mabel Young of Lawton; Charles Yeider and wife and John Blanchard and wife of Almena.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Epley and son George of Charlotte spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Wakeman returning home Sunday. They are delighted with Charlotte, both from a business and social standpoint, but always glad to get back to see old Paw Paw friends.

Lieutenant Glenn Showerman and friend, Lieutenant Jones of Camp Custer were guests at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Showerman last Sunday. Glenn was called home again Tuesday on account of the death of his brother, Bert Showerman.

192 registered from this County on June 5th, the day set for all male persons to register who had become twenty-one years of age since June 5th, 1917. This is considered a good fair registration, taking into consideration the large number of enlistments that took place just prior to June 5th, from boys who were eligible for registration June 5th.

A meeting of the Township War Committees of this county has been called for Paw Paw next Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The purpose of this meeting is to make plans for the War Saving Stamp campaign which starts on June 28th. The session will be held in the Council Rooms. It is expected that the entire sixty odd members of this War Board will be present for this important meeting.

The dates for the Paw Paw Chautauqua have now been definitely set for August 19 to 25 inclusive. The program this year will be rich in patriotic war features. An outline of the excellent program will be given in an early issue. In the meantime, bear the dates in mind, and remember that Chautauqua patrons this year are promised the very best program ever put on in this community.

Mrs. Frank Castle passed away at Goshen, Indiana, June 1st after a short illness. Her maiden name was Laughlin and she was born in Clinton County, Michigan on March 1st, 1871. Her early life was spent in the east, coming to Michigan with her parents in 1889. She was married to Frank Castle and eight children, seven sons and one daughter were born to them, all of whom survive. Her last home was in Fremont Michigan where she was laid to rest. Mrs. E. J. Bowen and Mrs. G. B. Castle of this place went to Fremont to attend the funeral.



BERT SHOWERMAN

February 29-1876 June 10-1918
"Every one was his friend." This is the eloquent tribute that will ever be paid to the memory of Bert Showerman. The news of his passing last Tuesday morning, cast a shadow of gloom over the community where he spent his boyhood days and had grown to manhood. He came to Paw Paw with his family from Sturgis last Friday to spend the week end at the old home. He suffered intense pains in the head at intervals after his arrival here, which resulted in a hemorrhage on Monday night, and the brave fight which he had waged with the Grim Reaper since last September was lost.

Bert was born in Paw Paw on February 29th, 1876, and this village was his home until about four years ago, when he moved to Sturgis. While yet a boy, he started his career in the Paw Paw Savings Bank, where he was employed for a period of twenty years, the last three of which were in the capacity of cashier. He severed his connection with this institution to accept a state appointment as

NEW DRAFT LIST

Latest addition to Van Buren county's available force of fighting men. These are the boys who have reached the age of twenty-one since the general registration one year ago. After the Questionnaires have all been returned the boys will be classified, given the medical examination, and will then be ready for service and subject to the call.

- 1-Guy Austin Griffin, Paw Paw.
- 2-Max Sill, Covert.
- 3-Leon Arthur Maxwell, Lawton.
- 4-Horace A. Agate, Bangor.
- 5-James L. Latus, Hartford.
- 6-Harrison Whitman, Lawrence.
- 7-Clyde L. Miller, Bloomingdale.
- 8-William Martin Rea, Breedsdale.
- 9-Lauren A. Packard, So. Haven.
- 10-Raymond Stafford, Mattawan.
- 11-Frank Calabrese, Covert.
- 12-Sante Mazzone, Lawrence.
- 13-Jake Van't Zelfde, Decatur.
- 14-Jerry Sturman, Mattawan.
- 15-Irving C. Deschauer, Decatur.
- 16-John A. Hobben, Mattawan.
- 17-Fred A. Van Riper, Hartford.
- 18-True Burns, Paw Paw.
- 19-Paul Victor Shered, Glendale.
- 20-Cleve Rueue Stowman, Glendale.
- 21-Harold W. Osborne, Decatur.
- 22-George H. Warren, Decatur.
- 23-Frank Kesler Breed, Paw Paw.
- 24-Irving C. Thompson, Lawton.
- 25-Oscar B. Green, South Haven.
- 26-Max Elwyn Lockard, Detroit.
- 27-Thomaz R. Tinsley, So. Haven.
- 28-Henry S. Gray, Lawton.
- 29-Delaney McConnell, Hartford.
- 30-Alfred W. Jilbert, Paw Paw.
- 31-Lewis Herbert Birge, Hartford.
- 32-Gus Nothdruff, Hartford.
- 33-Norman Leslie Kolloff, Decatur.
- 34-Stanley A. Ruple, Hartford.
- 35-Dana L. Bridges, Bangor.
- 36-George Hobert King, Bangor.
- 37-Gail L. Stevens, Bangor.
- 38-Diehl V. Northrup, Hartford.
- 39-Russell E. Heller, Paw Paw.
- 40-Willard Terrell, Paw Paw, R. 2.
- 41-John Thomas, Grand Junction.
- 42-Edward Hoehn, Grand Junction.
- 43-Barton Potter, Bloomingdale.
- 44-Loyde Burris, Bloomingdale, R. 2.
- 45-Donald Perkins, Mattawan, R. 2.
- 46-Howard A. Smith, Paw Paw.
- 47-Dee S. Phillips, Lawton, R. 3.
- 48-Vanza Stoddard, Hartford.
- 49-Edward Geo. Eldridge, Bangor.
- 50-Morris Getz, Bangor.
- 51-Earl Peterson, Bangor.
- 52-Robert A. Williams, Lacota.
- 53-Russell Boynton, Bangor.
- 54-Ernest D. Hope, Paw Paw.
- 55-Charles D. Burns, Paw Paw.
- 56-Clifford E. Goodacre, Lawrence.
- 57-Warren A. Cook, Lawrence.
- 58-Walter Meachum, Breedsdale.
- 59-Lacey Lake Bale, Lawton.
- 60-Bennett A. Heath, Lawrence.
- 61-J. Edward Fiske, Lawrence.
- 62-Hartwell B. Fassett, Decatur.
- 63-Chester M. Rowe, Decatur.
- 64-Ossie Johnson, Bloomingdale.
- 65-Charles A. Olney, South Haven.
- 66-Basil M. Nyman, Bangor.
- 67-Fred Paul Albert Hahn, Bangor.
- 68-Earl J. Hopkins, Gobleville.
- 69-Arthur Neilson, Breedsdale.
- 70-Leland D. Luce, Berlamont.
- 71-Eddie O. Nelson, South Haven.

Bank Examiner, and served in this capacity for a period of two years, tendering his resignation to become cashier and one of the stockholders of the bank at Sturgis. He was widely known in banking circles as a successful financier and his prospects for the future were indeed flattering. He had always been of a strong robust constitution until last Fall, when he suffered a nervous breakdown, and has been at his desk in the bank very little since that time. He took treatment in hospitals in Detroit, Chicago and Battle Creek, and while his family and friends were hopeful for a restoration to health, it was not to be.

Bert was married to Miss Blanche Tudor some fourteen years ago. Two children were born to them, Tudor, a fine boy of twelve years and Richard a baby of two. It was a happy family and the faithful wife is heartbroken in the loss of her true and devoted companion. A father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Showerman, one sister, Mrs. Guy Warner and one brother, Dr. Glenn Showerman, a Lieutenant in the Army at Camp Custer, are bowed down with grief over the untimely death of a loving son and brother.

The funeral was held under the parental roof Thursday afternoon. Rev. Henry Harvey officiating, and he sleeps "neath the stilly shades" of Prospect.

The profusion of beautiful flowers the large concourse of old home friends and those from his late home, Sturgis, his companions and associates in state banking circles, at his funeral, all gave mute but eloquent testimony of the esteem and respect in which he was held. He had a happy faculty of keeping always his old friends and making a host of new ones wherever he went. Bert was a real man among men. "True blue" and loyal to the core. Big hearted, square and faithful to the end. He is gone, but sweet memories will linger to be fondly cherished as the years roll by.

- 155-Ralph Champion, Kendall.
- 156-Casper J. Benson, Bangor.
- 157-Wayne Leversee, Bloomingdale.
- 158-Arthur D. Short, Breedsdale.
- 159-Wm. Shirley Cowley, Paw Paw.
- 160-Gaylord H. Brown, Mattawan.
- 161-Frank Hinchin, Lawton.
- 162-Daniel S. Michels, Decatur.
- 163-Ralph Hazzard, Decatur.
- 164-Joseph G. H. Gregory, Lawton.
- 165-Harold Lambert Stone, Kibbie.
- 166-John B. Mitchell, So. Haven.
- 167-Harold Everett Berry, Bangor.
- 168-Arthur J. Helmer, Lawrence.
- 169-Wm. Arthur Summer, Hartford.
- 170-Wm. Christian Singer, Hartford.
- 171-Orin Francis Cook, Lawton.
- 172-Loren S. Thomas, Lawrence.
- 173-Fred H. DeLong, Lawrence.
- 174-Harry L. Ritter, Paw Paw.
- 175-Lewis E. Dunn, South Haven.
- 176-Henry Overhul, South Haven.
- 177-Glenn C. Thompson, Paw Paw.
- 178-Clair Bigelow, Lawrence.
- 179-Joseph E. Chevie, Lawrence.
- 180-Fred Kogge, Jr., Lawrence.
- 181-Norman Lyle Boyer, Bangor.
- 182-Enoch Paul Overton, Bangor.
- 183-Lloyd Robinson, Hartford.
- 184-Wallace L. Toole, So. Haven.
- 185-Benjamin E. Iverson, Covert.
- 186-Walter Hatt, Mattawan.
- 187-George J. Waber, Kendall.
- 188-Thomas McKimmie, So. Haven.
- 189-John H. Mutchler, Paw Paw.
- 190-Thomas Gallagher, So. Haven.
- 191-Ernest Shaul, Hartford.

SURGICAL DRESSINGS NOTES

The following ladies have received crosses the past week for thirty-two hours service:—Mrs. Ed Harvey, Mrs. Harry Ayars, Mrs. Charles Hathaway, Miss Franc Warner, Mrs. Tom Brown, Mrs. Louise Young, Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mrs. I. M. Tulloh, Mrs. S. O. Kenyon, Miss Martha Wells, Mrs. J. B. Layton, Mrs. Ford Wilbur, Mrs. Charles Mather, Mrs. A. O. Duncombe.

Crosses for seventy-two hours service were awarded to Mrs. Arthur Trott and Mrs. Frank Parks.

Our quota at last arrived. Paw Paw is required to furnish 100 large sized absorbent pads, 95 five-yard rolls, and 900 4 x 4 Wipes. The 4 x 4 Wipes have already gone, and the rest must be shipped June 24th. Please make a special effort to help with this big order. We are not allowed to use absorbent cotton for the pads, as that must be saved for the tampons. Instead we are using a new material, cellucotton. Mrs. Chappell, Mrs. George Longwell, Mrs. Fannie Woodman, Mrs. J. C. Maxwell and Mrs. Bangs Warner made a special trip to South Haven on Monday to learn all about these new things, and a class of all the Supervisors was held on Tuesday evening, so we are prepared to teach you about our new order of things. The Decatur ladies came to the Shop on Tuesday morning and were instructed in this work. We will need all the help we can get in order not to fall behind our record in getting our dressings out.

The spirit of the women of Paw Paw has been clearly shown by the way they have taken hold of our work. Not only have they responded wonderfully to our appeal to get the odds and ends of worked up and out of the way, but many ladies have telephoned to the chairman, Mrs. Chappell, "Has the quota come? I don't want to get any big mess started here at home if you need me this afternoon." Men of Paw Paw, let this be a spur to your patriotism!

No one can doubt that the public is behind us in this work. Our appeal for fans, chairs, iron, extension cords, etc., has been generously answered, and we want to thank those loyal citizens who have helped us in this way. The support of the general public is a powerful prop to the tired women who will never rest so long as our boys need the dressings.

The posters urging conservation of food for war purposes, made by our School boys and girls will be on exhibition in the hall of the Surgical Shop. These are all original work, and it will be worth your while to come up and see the exhibit.

S. O. S.! The quota is here. S. O. S.

The following was received from Mrs. Clara Woodman in acknowledgment of second prize in the Missing Word contest. "I wish to thank you for the receipt, extending my subscription to your paper six months, which is second prize in the guessing contest. I did not strive for the second prize, but for first prize, hoping that I might secure it, as I wished to give a young girl of my acquaintance a thrift stamp which I had earned. Had I not tried for the first prize, I never would have received second prize, which demonstrates life's greatest lesson. Strive for the highest and best, then be contented and happy with whatever you secure by your very best efforts. I commenced looking out the words in the contest simply for diversion, but it proved to be rather interesting. Thanking you again for the receipt I am sincerely,

The Hotel Clifton has a new cook, and is again running to full capacity.

Mrs. Ed Goodale of Kalamazoo was in the village on Monday last.

Judge John R. Carr of Cassopolis was shaking hands with Paw Paw friends Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon C. Decker have been spending the week with friends in Chicago.

Dr. Frank Young and wife of South Haven were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merl Young on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stapleton have moved back to their former home in Decatur.

Mrs. Daniel Riley of Benton Harbor was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Duncombe for the week end.

Mrs. Katherine Carey of Chicago was the guest of her sister Mrs. G. W. Longwell Jr. the latter part of last week.

G. W. Tyler, living in the west part of the village is quite sick at this writing and under the care of a nurse.

Mrs. George Weston spent the latter part of last week in Lawrence at the home of her mother, Mrs. Cora Barrows.

Miss Emma Woodman who has been in the Art school in Eureka, California arrived home last Tuesday evening and will spend the summer at the home of Mrs. Clara Woodman on South Kalamazoo street.

Mrs. Charles Morrison, Miss Etoile Allen, Miss Gertrude Smith and Miss Agnes Morrison motored to Camp Custer last Friday and spent the day in witnessing Army life.

Miss Etoile Allen left Thursday for a five weeks visit with friends in Kalamazoo, Jackson and Lansing after which she will return to Paw Paw and finish her visit among friends here before returning to her home in California.

Several changes were made in the postal and carrier force in the local office last Monday. Roy Harrington was advanced from Auxiliary to Regular clerk; Leon Douglas transferred from carrier to clerk; Elia Curtis from Substitute to Regular carrier and Ed Quartermas made temporary substitute carrier. The change gives the office now three regular clerks, which the increased volume of business and details of a central office demands.

The following is clipped from the Niles Sun:—W. H. Bullard is enjoying a visit with his former comrade in arms, Del Cummings of Paw Paw. These two veterans have made it their annual custom to meet at least every year on Memorial day ever since the observance of Memorial day was established. For many years Mr. Bullard played his drum and Mr. Cummings his fife. In the parades held on Memorial day, but Mr. Cummings is suffering with arthritis, and is unable to manipulate his fingers so that they can sound the notes as formerly. He is improving and hopes that before he leaves Niles to be able to strike off a tune or two to Mr. Bullard's accompaniment. Mr. Cummings took his life to the war with him and is now a relic of those stirring days. Mr. Bullard's drum was secured by him after the Louisiana Tigers had been taken by the company of which he was a member and had stacked up their arms and Mr. Bullard took his choice. The drum he selected was made in Paris and is over ninety years old. Mr. Bullard is now seventy-six years of age and Mr. Cummings is seventy-seven. Mr. Bullard enlisted on his birthday anniversary, April 23rd, 1861, and Mr. Cummings enlisted in the same company on May 6th, 1861."

WEBSTER-JENSEN

A happy company met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Jensen in Almena on the evening of Wednesday June 5th, to witness the marriage of their daughter Mabel Helen to Mr. Ira J. Webster of Covert.

To the strains of the wedding march the bridal party took their stand beneath a flowery bower, where Rev. Arthur Trott pronounced the words that made them husband and wife. The groomsmen were Private Orion W. Reed of Camp Custer and the bridesmaid was Miss A. Estella Miller. Guests to the number of about thirty were present, and all partook of a sumptuous wedding supper. A number of valuable and useful presents were received.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster have a host of friends in Almena. Mr. Webster having been at one time the efficient teacher of Almena school, and Mrs. Webster the faithful organist of the M. E. church. If good wishes can bring health, wealth and happiness, they will have an abundance of each.